Lincoln Township Public Library

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BookDash

During our renovation, enjoy our BookDash home delivery service! Patrons ages 18 and up with an LTPL card in good standing in Lincoln, Royalton, or Baroda Townships can select books (MeL or New items) for delivery. **Our staff delivers every Tuesday and Thursday between 9am and 4pm. Call or visit our website to sign up or learn more.**

"Beyond the Stacks" - LTPL Podcast

Starting in September, LTPL will be recording a podcast, with new episodes coming out twice a month that highlight library programs, book recommendations, community events, and more. **Be on the lookout for more details.**

Library Card Sign-Up Month: Enter to Win!
Sept 1 – Sept 30

Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month with us! Take a photo of yourself with your library card and post it on our Facebook event page. Adults and teens will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an Apple Watch or children could win a Kids Amazon Fire Tablet. Join us in promoting the importance of reading and enjoying the many benefits of having a library card!

Monster Mash with Scribble Monster
Saturday, Oct 19 at 2pm
Location: LTPL Parking Lot
Raindate: TBD

Get ready to ghoulishly groove at the Monster Mash! Join us for a spook-tacular afternoon filled with fang-tastic fun, eerie entertainment, and a thrilling time for all ages. Our special guest, Scribble Monster, will be making a monstrous appearance, bringing their unique blend of music and playful performance. Don't miss out on the costume contest, games, and loads of Halloween treats.

Director's Corner

Dear Community Members,

I am writing to inform you about an important update regarding our library. The library will undergo major renovations this fall and winter, and as a result, our current building will be closed for approximately 12 weeks.

During the renovation, we will temporarily relocate to the **Royalton Market Place at 4059 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085**. While this may cause some inconvenience, closing the library during construction will ultimately save us both time and money.

LTPL will **close on September 15**, and we will **open at the temporary location on Monday, September 16** with normal operating hours. This temporary location will offer limited services, resources, and programs. Our online services will remain uninterrupted.

Services at the temporary location will include access to all of our new collections, MeL interlibrary loans, copy, print, scan services, drive-thru window pick-up, computer and Wi-Fi access, plus programs. Additionally, we will hold programs throughout the community. **Please note that each program has a specific location listed in its description. Books can be returned either through the drive-thru at the main library or at the temporary Royalton location.** Our goal is to maintain consistent services throughout this period as much as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we enhance our library for the future. We're thrilled and we cannot wait to unveil your new library to you this December! For questions or more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Joelle Wake

A ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION OPPORTUNITY

By Dr. Megan Yore-Norbey, LTPL Board of Directors and President, LTL Foundation

This May, we announced a plan to meet a compelling need to expand and improve our library facilities. As our existing building was last renovated and expanded in 1998, more than 20 years ago, the time had come for a revitalization.

A key aspect of the need for improvements is that the number of patrons who visit LTPL is increasing every year, having almost doubled in 2023 (96,617) compared to 2020 (55,638). People come to the library not only for reading materials, but to attend classes, meetings, story hours, and programs; and for computer usage and study. The Library is truly a community center for Lincoln, Royalton, Baroda townships and the many visitors from libraries in our consortium.

A $1 million pledge was approved by the LTPL Board of Trustees in 2023. This was made possible by years of local support in the form of annual taxes and careful financial management by the Boards of Trustees over the previous 20 years. We are now seeking community support and grants to help complete the project.

Specific elements of the project include:

- Lowering shelves for access and security
- Installing new fixtures and more mobile furniture
- New carpeting and paint in brand colors
- Adding literacy and STEM spaces for teens and homeschooled students
- Streamlining staff workspaces for better collaboration
- Updating lighting for energy conservation
- Adding amenities such as a coffee alcove and new seating

All donors of $500 or more (with their permission) will have their names included on a donor recognition wall to be prominently and permanently displayed at the Library. See the enclosed pledge card for details.

All donations will receive 100% tax deduction status through Lincoln Township Library Foundation, a 501-C3 organization. For more information on how you can support the Lincoln Township Public Library, contact the Lincoln Township Library Foundation at foundation@lincolnlib.org or (269) 930-5417.

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Capital Campaign

Naming Opportunities and Recognition Wall Levels

Our Library. Our Future.
A capital campaign to support a refresh of Lincoln Township Public Library.

Naming Opportunity	Size of Gift
LITERARY CHAMPION	
Named spaces	
Rosetta's House	$50,000
"presented by"	
_____ Community Room	$50,000
_____ Courtyard	$50,000
LIBRARY LOVER	
Plaque near space with name recognition	
Media Lab	$20,000
Quiet Study Room	$20,000
Teen Area	$20,000
Youth Area	$20,000

Naming Opportunity	Size of Gift
PUBLISHER	
Plaque near space with name recognition	
Coffee Alcove	$10,000
Fireplace Lounge	$10,000
Study Nooks (3)	$10,000
Vestibule	$10,000
BIBLIOPHILE	
Donations of any amount from at least $7,500 up to $9,999	
READER	
Donations of any amount from at least $2,500 up to $7,499	
BOOK WORM	
Donations of any amount from at least $500 up to $2,499	

All donors of these amounts will be listed by level on the donor wall, included on the website, and publically recognized through a variety of media.

Naming opportunities include a plaque or signage collocated with the area named.

Visit the website for donation information

All naming rights are subject to approval by the Lincoln Township Public Library Board of Trustees

foundation@lincolnlib.org
lincolntownshiplibrary.org/Foundation/

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Capital Campaign Pledge Card

Please complete, sign, and return the form below via email to foundation@lincolnlib.org or mail to Lincoln Township Library Foundation, 2099 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, Michigan 49127

I wish to donate at the following level:

- ❑ Literary Champion $50,000
- ❑ Library Lover $20,000
- ❑ Publisher $10,000
- ❑ Bibliophile $7,500 - $9,999 amount: _____
- ❑ Reader $2,500 - $7,499 amount: _____
- ❑ Book Worm $500 - $2,499 amount: _____

❑ Please contact me about multi-year contributions

❑ **Naming opportunity requested** -- a Foundation board member will contact you

_____
Donor name(s) as you wish it to be publicly recognized

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Address/City/State/Zip

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Phone/Mobile Email

Payment Options

- ❑ Check Enclosed (make payable to "Lincoln Township Library Foundation")
- ❑ Credit - visit www.lincolntownshiplibrary.org/support-us/donate/
- ❑ Send Invoice
- ❑ My company will match my gift (please provide contact information)

_____
Signature Date

Thank you for your generosity!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Baroda Fire Dept Open House
Saturday, Oct 12 from 1–4pm
Location: Baroda Fire Station

Join us at the Baroda Fire Station for their annual Open House in celebration of National Fire Prevention Week! Tour the fire station, meet Baroda firefighters, and learn about fire safety. LTPL will be there with fun activities for kids, including crafts and Storytime.

Baroda's Trail & Treat
Saturday, Oct 26 from 2-5pm; Raindate Oct 27 from 2-5pm
Location: Township/Hess Lake Park

Join us for this exciting fall event perfect for the whole family! Enjoy a spook-tacular walk along the Hess Lake walking trail, where kids can collect treats at various stations. Don't forget to visit the library's craft stations! There will be fun activities and plenty of candy to go around.

Christmas in the Village
Downtown Stevensville
Saturday, Dec 7 from 3-6pm

Experience the enchantment of the holiday season at the Village of Stevensville's annual Christmas in the Village event! Enjoy a wonderland of twinkling lights, discover unique gifts, crafts, and delicious treats from local shops/vendors and of course don't forget to visit the library!

ADULT

Social Security Disability
Wednesday, Sept 4 at 6pm; Location: LTPL

Diana Gramenos Dowd, *Owner/Attorney of GRAMENOS LAW GROUP*, will discuss the intricacies of Social Security Disability and provide valuable insights into SSDI and SSI.

Pet Therapy with Best Friends 4H Club
Thursday, Sept 5 at 6pm; Location: LTPL

Janet Cooper from *Best Friends 4-H Club* will be doing a presentation on the difference between a therapy dog, a service dog, and an emotional support animal.

CATurday: Finding Families for Feline Friends
Saturday, Sept 7 at 2pm; Location: LTPL

Daryl Schoonover, *Cat Coordinator from Animal Aid of Southwest Michigan*, will discuss the benefits of fostering and adopting cats. Adoption applications can be found online at **animalaidswmi.com**.

Ground Zero Archery
PRO SHOP • RANGE • TRAINING CENTER

Hunting for Beginners
Monday, Sept 9 at 6:30pm; Location: LTPL

Join *Ground Zero Archery* for this presentation on how to get started hunting in Southwest Michigan.

Craft and Chat ●
2nd Tuesdays from 6-7pm
Location: Temporary Location

Come join us while we make a different craft each month and chit chat.

10/8 – *Beaded Wind Chimes*
11/12 – *Puzzle Piece Art*
12/10 – *Air Dry Clay*

Casual Canvases
2nd Wednesdays at 6pm; Location: Tryon School

Get your creativity on and stop in to paint whatever you feel like with acrylics. **Please wear clothing you don't mind getting paint on.**

LTPL Walking Club
Every Monday starting Sept 16 – Nov. 25 at 9am
Location Temporary Location

Walk the surrounding area and receive a discount at *Rise and Shine* on one of their delicious and nutritious offerings. This group is appropriate for all fitness levels.

The 2024 Election: Ballot Breakdown
Tuesday, Sept 17 at 6:30pm
Location: Temporary Location

Join the *League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties* for this nonpartisan presentation covering how to register to vote, voting procedures, and an overview of the candidates and proposals on the ballot for this election.

Evolution of a Naturalist
Wednesday, Sept 18 at 6pm
Location: Temporary Location

Donna Keller, *President of the Audubon Society of Kalamazoo*, will discuss the benefits of native plants, learn practical tips for transforming your own garden, and more!

The Magical Baseball Season of 1984
Thursday, Sept 26 at 6:30pm
Location: Royalton Township Hall

In 1984, the Detroit Tigers raced off to a 35-5 start and won the World Series, while the Chicago Cubs went on a magical run that fell one win short of the National League pennant. Forty years later, relive that magical baseball season with this presentation!

Organized by Design
Monday, Sept 30 at 6:30pm
Location: Stevensville Village Hall

Join professional organizer, *Becky Martin*, for a workshop on home organization.

Spooky Welcome Mat Workshop ●
Wednesday, Oct 2 at 6pm
Location: Baroda Township Park Hess Lake

Get into the Halloween spirit with a DIY doormat!

Yarn & Yak
1st Thursdays starting Oct 3 at 2pm
Location: Temporary Location

Knitters, crocheters, and yarn lovers of all skill levels are welcome to stop in for some casual crafting time.

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Tour of University of Notre Dame Campus ●
Saturday, Oct 5 at 10am
Location: University of Notre Dame

Get a tour of the storied university's beautiful campus! Space is limited. Patrons are responsible for their own transportation to and from the campus.

Introduction to Medicare
Monday, Oct 7 at 6pm; Location: Tryon School

Financial Advisor, *Ryan Lannigan*, will provide an overview of the A, B, C and D's of Medicare.

Using Media Responsibly
Monday, Oct 14 at 6:30pm
Location: Stevensville Village Hall

Join us for this enlightening presentation and discussion on how to use our media responsibly in the 2020s and beyond.

Book Bedazzle ●
Monday, Oct 16 from 5-7pm
Location: Tryon School

Bring your favorite book to bedazzle the cover!

Zumba
Thursdays starting Oct 24 to Nov 14 at 6pm
Location: Tryon School

Join *Carolyn Margol* for a fun, effective, easy-to-follow, total-body workout! Zumba classes combine fast and slow cardiovascular movements!

The Three Stooges: Comedy Legends
Monday, Oct 21 at 6:30pm
Location: Lincoln Township Hall

The *Three Stooges* are one of the most legendary comedy acts in American history. Learn about their rise to fame, their influence on American culture, and how they remain popular over a century after they first started to perform.

Mentally Preparing for the Holidays
Monday, Oct 28 at 6:30pm
Location: Baroda Township Hall

Join counselor *Christiana Oliveira* for a presentation on coping during the holidays, learning strategies for setting healthy boundaries and maintaining self-care.

1980s Trivia Night
Thursday, Nov 7 at 6:30pm; Location: Chill Hill Winery

Join us to test your knowledge of all things 1980s! Compete either as an individual or as a group, with a prize pack for the winner.

Handkerchief Marbling ●
Saturday, Nov 9 at 11am
Location: Stevensville Village Hall

Discover the art of Ebru at our Marbling Class and create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind accessory.

Veterans Recognition
Tuesday, Nov 12 at 6:30pm
Location: Stevensville Village Hall

Join *Lest We Forget* as several local veterans will share stories of serving their country. Speakers to be determined.

Cut the Cord!
Monday, Nov 25 at 6:30pm
Location: Baroda Township Hall

Learn about the options that are out there for communication, information, and entertainment in your home and what might be best for you.

A Festivus for the Rest of Us
Thursday, Dec 5 at 6pm; Location: Chill Hill Winery

Serenity now! Join us for food, Seinfeld trivia and activities, and... yada, yada, yada, you'll have a great time!

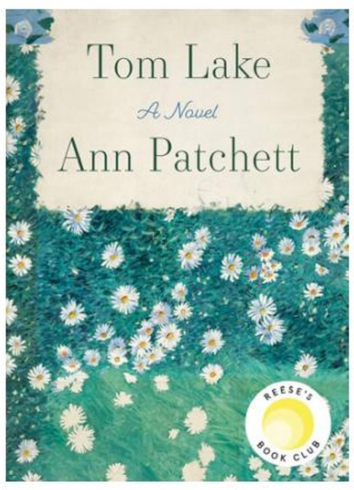
Wooden Christmas Sign
Wed., Dec 18 at 6pm
Location: LTPL

Perfect for all skill levels, our step-by-step guide will help you create a charming sign to display or give as a heartfelt gift for Christmas.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tuesday Morning Book Group
3rd Tuesday at 10:30am

Join us for the Tuesday Morning Book Group. Books are available at the main desk a month before the discussion.



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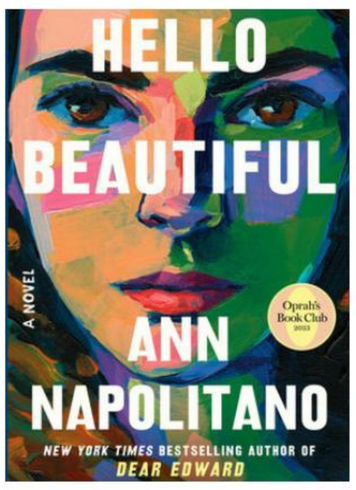

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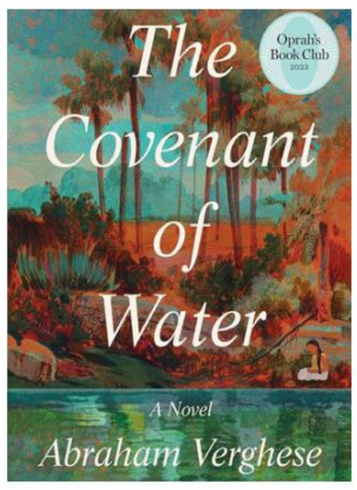

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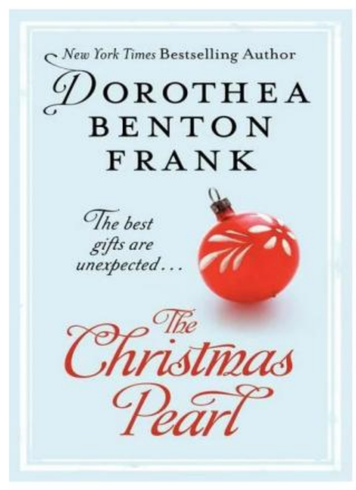

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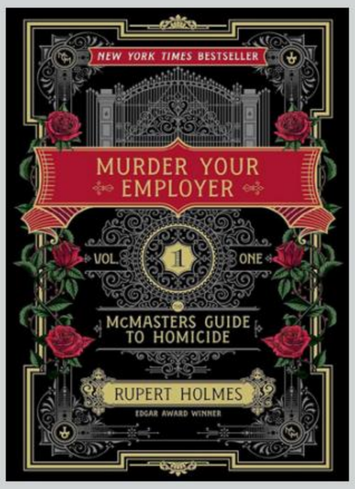
Looking For A Thrill Book Group
3rd Thursday at 6pm

Grab a copy of this month's book at the main desk a month before the discussion. Participants can join the in-person discussion or engage in weekly discussion online using the Facebook event.



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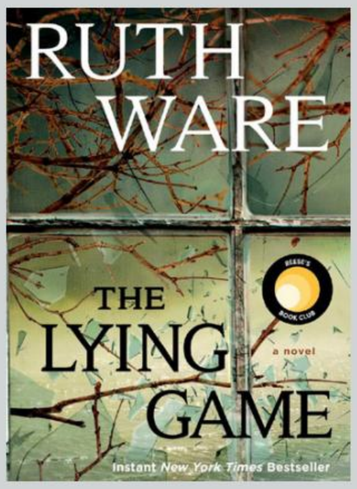

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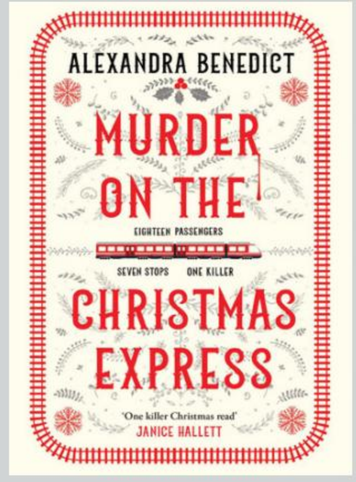

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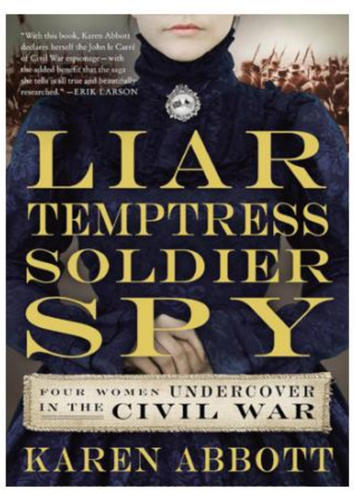
Spies, Lies, & Alibi's Book Group
4th Monday at 10:30am

Join our book discussion that has intrigue, deception, and suspense! Books can be picked up at the main desk the month before the discussion.



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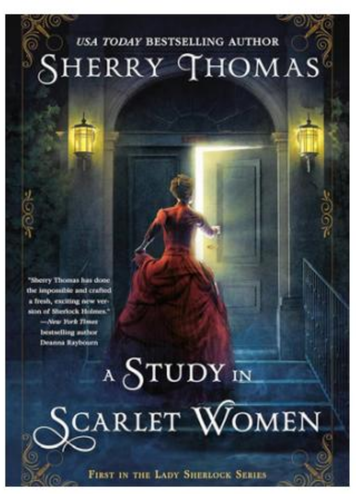

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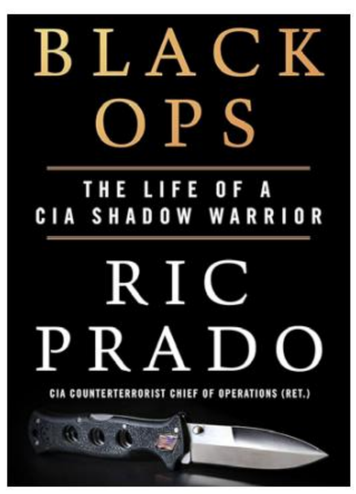

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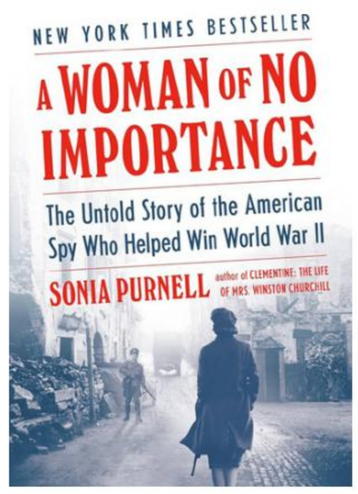
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE
The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II
SONIA PURNELL
author of CLEMENTINE: THE LIFE OF MRS. WINSTON CHURCHILL

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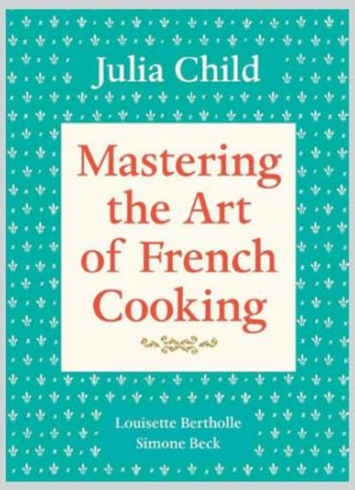
Dish It Up Book Group
4th Tuesday at 6pm

Grab a copy of this month's cookbook at the Circulation desk a month before the discussion. **Make one of the recipes and bring it to share that night.**



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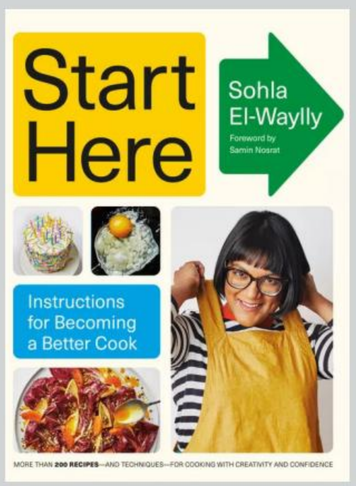

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ALL AGES

Write-A-Letter
2nd Saturday of the Month - All Day
Location: Temporary Location

Come together and write a letter to the important people in our community. Such as hospital staff, nursing homes, first responders, etc. **Once finished put in the "mailbox" to be delivered.**

Pokémon GO Route Walk
Thursday, Sept 12 at 6pm
Location: LTPL

Gather with other Trainers to walk a Route from the Library to the Lincoln Charter Township Municipal Building. **Downloading the Pokémon GO mobile app beforehand is recommended if you don't already have an account. It is not required if you just want to enjoy the walk and make new friends!**

Family Write-In
Saturday, Sept 21 at 1pm
Location: Temporary Location

Published author Kat Higgs-Coulthard will lead this two-hour workshop for the whole family! Families will collaborate to write a story about a specific experience using guided prompts, including making neighborhood maps and labeling important events.

Intergenerational Storytime at Pine Ridge
Tues: Oct 8, Nov 12 & Dec 10 at 2pm
Location: Corewell Health Rehab & Nursing Center

Join us for a new monthly program in collaboration with Krasl Art Center! Bring your little ones to Pine Ridge for stories, songs, games, crafts, and new friendships with residents. **Fun for all ages!**

Cat-a-palooza
Tuesday, Oct 29 from 4-4:45pm
Location: Humane Society of SW Michigan

Let's celebrate National Cat Day! Meet adoptable cats and kittens, enjoy a visit from Pete the Cat, and join in cat-themed activities like crafts and storytelling. This free, all-ages event promises a purr-fectly delightful time for the whole family!

Rubik's Cube Workshop
Saturday, Nov 16 from 12-2pm
Location: Tryon School

Interested in learning how to solve the classic Rubik's Cube? This workshop is perfect for beginners and those wanting to learn! Bring your own cube or borrow one of ours.

The Snowball
Friday, Dec 20 from 5:30-7pm
Location: LTPL

Join us for some magical winter fun for the whole family! Enjoy a night filled with festive fun, including snowball fights, creative crafts, and a special appearance by a special guest. Whether you're building a snowman, playing a game of curling, or meeting our winter guest, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Bundle up and come experience the winter magic with us!

A Charlie Brown Christmas Party
Monday, Dec 9 at 6pm
Location: Lincoln Township Hall

The whole family is invited to join us for *Peanuts*-inspired stories, snacks, crafts, and trivia as we celebrate the holiday season!

Hogwarts Escape Room ●
Saturday, Dec 28 from 10-4pm
Location: LTPL

Get together with your closest friends to see if you would be able to escape Fluffy while trapped in the 3rd floor corridor.

Check for more great activities in the All-Ages section! And find fun activities each week in the children's area.

Smokey Bear Reading Challenge
October 1 - November 28

Smokey Bear's turning 80! Complete the reading challenge to learn about wildfires and the environment. You'll earn badges and receive prizes. Participants will be invited to a Smokey Bear Party in November; more details to come.

Wiggle Worms
2nd Saturdays from 11am-12pm
Location: Various

Bring your kids to play themed games and stories.

9/14 – Bluey: *LTPL*
10/12 – Paw Patrol: *Temp Location*
11/9 – Peppa Pig: *Temp Location*
12/14 – Spiderman: *Temp Location*

S.T.R.E.A.M. Night
3rd Mondays from 4:30-5:30pm; Location: Various

Kids can come and work their brains with different S.T.R.E.A.M. geared activities. **Ages 6-9.**

9/16 & 10/21- *Lincoln Twp. Park*
11/18 & 12/16 - *Tryon*

Kids Take Home Craftivity
1st and 3rd Friday of the Month

Pick up a craft/activity anytime while supplies last. **Ages 5-9.**

Homeschool Hangout
Every Other Wed. starting on Sept 11 at 10am
Location: Various

Enjoy watercolor instruction by *Niki McNeil*, a theater class by *The Drama Spot* and a visit from *Medic One* along with their ambulance, and more! **Check dates for activities.**

9/11 – *LTPL*
9/25, 10/9, 10/23 – *Tryon School*
11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/18 – *Royalton Twp. Hall*

Pokémon Card Battle
1st Tuesdays at 4pm; Location: Tryon School

Learn how to play the popular Pokémon Trading Card Game. **Visit *Bridgman Public Library* on Dec 3 at 4pm for a special holiday gym league battle. Ages 6-12.**

Superhero Family Literacy Night! ●
Friday, Nov 1 from 6-7pm; Location: Temp Location

Don your capes and masks for an evening filled with reading, pizza, special guest readers, and lots of fun! **Ages 5-9.**

Dramatic Play with The Drama Spot ●
Monday, Dec 30 from 2-3pm; Location: LTPL

Explore creativity, teamwork, storytelling and much more. We focus on fun, not performance, so *The Drama Spot* classes are perfect for outgoing and reserved students alike. **Ages 6-12.**

Stuffie Sleep Away Camp!
Monday, Sept 23 at 6:30pm; Location: Lincoln Twp. Hall

Bring your stuffed animal for a pajama storytime. Let your stuffie stay at the library for a fun vacation! **Pick up your stuffie (and funny vacation photos) starting Sept 26 at our temporary library location.**

World Languages Storytime
Every Thurs. at 10:30am starting on Oct. 3
Location: Temporary Location

Learn about fascinating stories and basic vocabulary in different languages. Starting with French in Oct, Portuguese in Nov, and Hindi in December. **Ages 3-5.**

Toddler Tales
Tues: Sept 17-Nov 26 from 10:30-11am
Location: Royalton Twp Hall

Enjoy stories, rhymes, music, movement, early literacy fun and a Grab & Go craft to take home. **Ages 18mos.-3.**

Baby Bouncers
Fri: Sept 20-Nov 22 at 10:30am; Location: Temp Location

Enjoy songs, rhymes, stories, and playtime! **Ages 0-18mos.**

Pajama Jam!
3rd Thursday of the Month at 6:30pm
Location: Tryon School

Get in your PJs and come hear silly stories and make a craft.

Gingerbread Storytime with Gift for a Grownup!
Tuesday, Dec 3 from 10:30-11:30am
Location: Tryon School

Enjoy a festive storytime and craft a gift for your grownup!

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TEEN

Intro to D&D
Saturday, Sept 7 at 2pm
Location: LTPL

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play *D&D* but not sure where to start? Stop in for this informative presentation where you can learn the ins and outs of *Dungeons & Dragons* as well as other popular Tabletop Role-Playing Games.

LTPL Teen Volunteer Meeting
Fridays at 3:30pm
Location: TBD

Get involved by volunteering for the library. **Teens are welcome to stop in for our monthly meetings to sign up for the following month's volunteer opportunities.**

Halloween Victorian Tea
Saturday, Oct 12 at 2pm
Location: Ruggles Cemetery

Join us for a unique Halloween Victorian Tea at the cemetery, where history and elegance intertwine with spooky charm. Sip on fine teas and indulge in exquisite treats as you explore the serene beauty and stories of the past. This enchanting event promises an unforgettable afternoon of ghostly delights and Victorian splendor. **Teens and Adults are welcome.**

Teen Loot Box

Register each month to receive a loot box with a variety of activities and goodies. **Boxes must be picked up during the first week of the month. The themes for each month are:**

September – *Library*
October – *Escape*
November – *Write*
December – *Holiday*

COMPUTER AND TECH

Tech Questions
Every Wednesday from 2-4pm

Stop in for help with your tech questions. The library cannot diagnose/repair computer equipment or phones.

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Friends of the Lincoln Township Public LIbrary

The Friends of the Library are seeking a new President to lead their dedicated organization. If you have a passion for supporting our library and enhancing community literacy, we invite you to consider this important role. For more information, contact Director Joelle Wake at jwake@linoclnlib.org or call 269-429-9575 ext. 126

Please note, during the library's closure, we are unable to accept book donations or host sales. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to resuming these activities once our library reopens.

ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund is maintained by the Berrien Community Foundation where it maintains perpetuity, drawing solely on interest subject to the foundation's guidelines.

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See the library website to learn more about the various ways to support